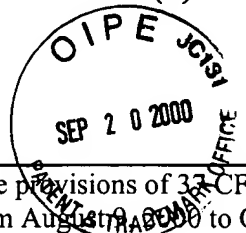


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**PETITION FOR  
EXTENSION OF TIME  
UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**



Attorney Docket	CONN-015DIV
First Named Inventor	C. Schwabe et al.
Application Number	09/041,491
Filing Date	March 12, 1998
Group Art Unit	1653
Examiner Name	A. Gupta
Title	RELAXIN-LIKE FACTOR AND METHODS AND USES THEREOF

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response in the above-identified application from August 9, 2000 to October 9, 2000.

A request extension for extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows:

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the \$190.00 extension fee, any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50-0815.

Respectfully submitted,  
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